

Press Release

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Statement from Mayor Liccardo Regarding Officer Fatality

San José , CA – Mayor Sam Liccardo released the following statement regarding tonight's officer fatality:

"This is San Jose's darkest day.

My heart-- and the prayers of a grieving city-- go out to the wife, parents, and family of San Jose Police Officer Mike Johnson. Every officer leaving their home wearing a badge and uniform prepares for the worst, but leaves a spouse and family who prays for her or his safe return. Officer Johnson served our community with distinction, courage, and honor, and we owe his family our deepest debt.

Upon learning of this tragedy, I immediately adjourned the council meeting, as my colleagues shared our shock and profound grief over this tragedy. We cannot know the depth of the pain felt by Mike Johnson's family and his fellow officers, but we share in their mourning, and we offer the comfort of a bereaved community that is better for Officer Johnson's selfless service."